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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Leon KOTZE et al. )  
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TITLE: NETWORK PROTECTOR

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to the above-identified application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

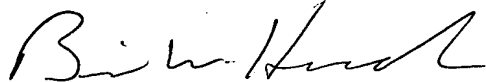
Please replace the claims with the attached amended Claims 1-41. Claims 38 and 39 have been cancelled. New Claims 40 and 41 have been added.

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added.

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Respectfully submitted,



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